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SENATOR KOCH: Well, then, in that case, how many cities have subdivision ordinances or zoning? As a planner, I think you agree very few do have.

SENATOR BEREUTER: In pure numbers, the majority of the communities in the state do not have but I believe that it is true that every community over 5,000, for instance, has subdivision regulations that are being enforced.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you and fellow members, I rise to support LB 91. I think it is time that we provide, at least, a minimal standard of safety and even though this is low cost housing, I think these people are entitled to it. I don't have all the faith in the world in mobile park home developers and things of this nature so, therefore, I support LB 91.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I think for the first non-controversial bill on the list, we have spent a lot of time. I call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall debate cease. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record. Report the vote.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 11 nays.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, Mr. President, just a comment. Everytime we have a bill, it seems like down here, we have those that stand up and they are for...gung-ho on local control and local control means sometimes no control and every local...if they do have local control, they interpret their own ordinances differently. Some enforce it and some don't and we have a hodgepodge of enforcement so actually what we have sometimes is utter chaos. Now not only on trailers, but a good example of this is Senator Keyes' situation down where Sarpy County had an ordinance on the river and Cass County didn't and with this good example, I am rather surprised at Senator Bereuter who believes in control, someone with a big stick, as I understood, to control land use and yet he is for local control in this instance. I think this Legislature has got to make up their mind of how far we are going to go on local control. Local control, contrary to what a lot of people say every day, is not the best government always. In some instances it is and in some it isn't. But I think there should be some guidelines from the state. I give you another example of what I am talking about and that is your pollution control where cities were allowed to do what they wanted to as long as they complied with the state regulations. So in some cases, when the cities got it, the enforcement has been practically nil. So I would rather have the state set up some minimum requirements on these things because I do not always trust local control.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Simpson, please.